GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CONTROL OF FLUOROSIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the fluorosis affected districts along with the number of people suffering from fluorosis in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the programme being implemented by the Government for prevention and control of fluorosis in the affected areas of the country;

(c) the details of the activities undertaken and the funds released and utilised under the programme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the proposed fluorosis research institute in Nalgonda has started functioning; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor along with the present status of the said proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a): As per Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, there are 14,133 habitations affected with fluoride in excess of the permissible limits in 19 States/UTs as on 1.4.2014. The population at risk is about 117.7 lakhs. A list showing State/UT-wise number of habitation / population affected by fluorosis is at Annexure 1.

(b): To address the problem of fluorosis, the Government of India started the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF) in the 11th Five Year Plan. So far, 105 districts have been covered under the programme.

(c): The important components of the programme are surveillance of fluorosis in the community; capacity building in the form of training and manpower support; establishment of diagnostic facilities; management of fluorosis cases including treatment, surgery, rehabilitation; and health education. Year-wise & State-wise details of funds released and utilized under NPPCF is at Annexure 2.

(d): Under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF), there is presently no proposal to set up fluorosis research institute in Nalgonda.

(e): Does not arise.